

A RESOLUTION recognizing efforts made by Judith Frazier and other Tennesseans to deter domestic violence.

WHEREAS, events of the day have prompted the media and the general public to focus renewed attention upon the issue of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated in recent years that at least four women die each day in the United States as a result of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence involves not only physical abuse, but can also traumatize victims mentally and emotionally for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, in our society, domestic violence must not be tolerated; in the state of Tennessee under the "Tennessee Adult Protection Act", it is unlawful and punishable for any person to willfully abuse, neglect, or exploit any adult; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans should be commended for their efforts to keep the issue of domestic violence in the forefront of the public's mind; and

WHEREAS, this Assembly, the Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence, and many devoted citizens have graciously aided the anti-domestic violence movement in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Judith Frazier of Erwin is one such dedicated citizen who has taken it upon herself to crusade against the brutality of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, to this very important cause, Ms. Frazier has given unreservedly of her time and talents; designing the "Domestic Violence Breaks Hearts" logo to unite the anti-domestic violence movement and lobbying for a nationwide moratorium on this destructive abuse; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Ms. Frazier realizes that breaking the cycle of domestic violence requires a concerted effort from not only the individuals involved but also the general

public, government officials, and those involved in law enforcement and the judicial process;
and

WHEREAS, for this movement to persevere, Tennesseans must continue to teach others about the horrible effects of domestic violence and support victims of this abuse by providing safe houses, retraining for employment, and the necessary education and counseling needed to help them escape the violence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we commend Ms. Judith Frazier and many other Tennesseans for their active efforts to deter domestic violence, and we hereby urge all citizens to continue educating others about the destructive and criminal behavior we know as domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate number of copies of this resolution be prepared for distribution with this final clause omitted from such copies.